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The goal of this proposal is to secure CPA funding to improve the conditions of play at the Blinn Tennis courts by rehabilitating the core aspects of the facility: fencing, lighting and court surface.

This project is worthy of consideration because the Blinn Tennis Courts are the only lighted hard surface courts in Longmeadow and are used 9 months of the year. Not only are they for public use, but the Longmeadow High School and Bay Path College use the courts for team play.

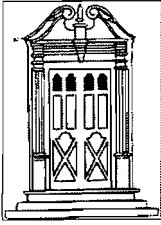
Over the past five years, the Parks and Recreation Department has received capital funding to restore some of the surface conditioning but does not have the financial means to fund such as a significant overhaul.

If approved, the project would be initiated in the spring of 2010. The entire project will be phased in over the next two years as funding can be further secured.

In closing, the Blinn Tennis Courts are an essential component to Longmeadow's quality of life as they provide a major source of recreation for its residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bari B. Thomas", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Submitted By: Bari B. Thomas
7 December 2009



Town of Longmeadow
Massachusetts
Community Preservation Committee



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Application for
Community Preservation Act Funding

Instructions

1. Review attached Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding eligibility, selection criteria (Appendix), and application.
2. Prepare and submit 10 typed and double-sided copies of the application form and project description to the CPC, c/o the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 20 Williams St., Longmeadow, MA 01106.
3. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will accept project proposals through the **first Monday in December** for possible consideration at the following Annual Town Meeting.
4. The CPC will review all applications by December 31 and schedule a meeting with each applicant to discuss its proposal.
 - a. The CPC may ask for more information before deciding to recommend the proposal for funding.
 - b. The CPC may request that you present your proposal at a public hearing.
5. If the project is selected for a funding recommendation, the CPC will submit it to Town Meeting.
6. Town Meeting has the sole authority to fund projects.

** Please note that the Committee reserves the right to modify these procedures and timeframe. Emergency applications will be accepted at the discretion of the CPC. The committee reserves the right to reject applications that are incomplete or late.*

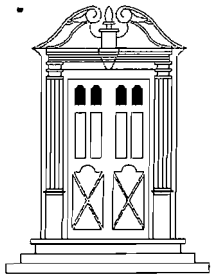
Application Form

For CPC Use: Project # _____
Received on: ___/___/___ Received by: _____
Reviewed on: ___/___/___ Determination: _____

Applicant Information

Project Title: <i>Blinn Tennis Courts Rehabilitation</i>		
CPA Funding Request: \$ <i>280,000</i>	Total Cost of Proposed Project: \$ <i>390,500</i>	
Applicant Name: <i>Long. Parks + Rec</i>	Contact Name: <i>Bari B. Thomas</i>	
Mailing Address: <i>735 Longmeadow St.</i>	Community Preservation Act Category <i>Please check all that apply:</i>	Community Housing
City, State, Zip Code: <i>Longmeadow, MA 01106</i>		Historic Preservation
Phone/Fax: <i>413 565 4160 / 413 565 4115</i>		Open Space
Email &/or Website: <i>bthomas@longmeadow.org</i> <i>WWW.LPRD.NET</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation

Please attach a project description and budget, as indicated on page 2.



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

November 30, 2009

To: Community Preservation Committee
From: Mike Wrabel, Director of Public Works
Re: Blinn Tennis Court Upgrades

This letter is being written in support of a request from Park and Recreation Director Bari Thomas for an application to be submitted for improvements to the Blinn Tennis Courts on Bliss Court.

These tennis courts are used extensively at least 9 months of the year...if the weather is clear the courts are used daily. These courts are the only lighted courts in Longmeadow available for free public usage. In addition the High School uses these courts for both physical education courses and for interscholastic tennis matches.

There are currently problems with maintaining an old electrical system for the courts that often results in intermittent lighting problems. The underground wiring is prone to problems leading to service requests 3-4 times per year. The fencing is old and most likely original to the installation of the courts. It is bent from repeated years of balls hitting the fence from the interior of the courts. The asphalt surface is old and oxidized. Though cracks have been repaired in the past and the courts have been painted the asphalt is old and should be replaced. This is specialty work handled by very few contractors because of the slim tolerances allowable for pitch and grade. The asphalt repairs are critical in keeping the courts in a condition to minimize the occurrence of injuries.